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Appln. No.: 09/837,884

First Named Applicant: M. Russel Merchen

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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.36(b), the undersigned attorney on behalf of all counsel of record and Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP apply to withdraw as attorneys of record in the above-identified matter. Notice of intention to withdraw as attorneys herein was sent to Stan Marett, Medport, Inc. by letter dated September 11, 2006 and addressed to "P.O. Box. 780841, San Antonio, TX 78278." Attached hereto is a copy of the return receipt from the September 11, 2006 letter.

The last known mailing address of the client is:

Stan Marett,
Medport, Inc.,
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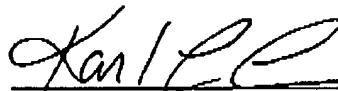
The basis for the request for withdrawal, Medport, Inc. satisfies the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 10.40 (c)(1)(vi). 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c)(1)(vi) permits withdrawal if the petitioner's client:

"Has failed to pay one or more bills rendered by the practitioner for an unreasonable period of time or has failed to honor an agreement to pay a retainer in advance of the performance of legal services."

It is believed that the client has been given reasonable notice of the intention to withdraw as attorneys, and it is respectfully requested that this request be granted.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
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